

Amendments to Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 7, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 3 with the words “The present” and ends on line 16 with the word “below” with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention includes, in one embodiment, a connector arrangement or assembly 10 including two connector components 12,14 of the general type described above. The connector components 12,14 cooperate to interconnect, for example, cabled wires to a face plate using interconnecting pins and pin receiving portions corresponding to each of the wires such as socket and header or edge mounted connector parts as basically known to those skilled in the art. In the present invention, the guiding features of the connector components are integrated with the fastening features, so that the connector components can be reliably aligned and repeatedly connected to each other without damage, while using a minimum amount of space in the area adjacent the connector. These and other aspects and features of the present invention will be described in greater detail below.

On page 8, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 23 with the word “Female” and ends on line 27 with the word “art” with the following amended paragraph:

~~Female-second~~ Male guiding elements 48 are mounted to the face plate (mating connector component). In this embodiment, the male guiding elements 48 are screwed to the face plate 14. However, other mechanical securing means can be used as being evident to those skilled in the art.

On page 8, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 28 with the words “The face” and ends on page 9, line 2 with the word “used” with the following amended paragraph:

The face plate 14 provides a mating element for a connector part like a header 50 or the like having ~~pin-like~~ contact elements ~~[[52]]~~ 51 for making electrical connection with the ~~female~~ first contact elements 18 of the connector shell 12. Other types of mating connector parts than the header 50 can also be used.

On page 9, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 3 with the word “In” and ends on line 14 with the word “degree” with the following amended paragraph:

In operation, the connector shell 12 for connection purposes is pushed against the face plate 14. At this time, the female guiding elements ~~[[44]]~~ 24 are receiving the male guiding elements 48. This assists in precisely moving the connector shell further towards the face plate 14 allowing the contact elements 18 of the connector shell 12 to become aligned with the contact elements ~~[[50]]~~ 51 at the face plate 14. The male guiding elements 48 each comprise a bolt, pin or post 52 having a receiving opening 54 facing the fastening element 34 and provided with an internal thread 56. The tolerance between the bolts 52 of the male guiding elements 48 and the channels 28 of the female guiding elements 24 is preferably selected such that the vertical tilting angle allowed at the maximum is substantially not more than ± 4 degree.